MONTEREY LIBRARY
3 7442 0003 7612 0

MONTEREY NEWS

March, 1981

OUR TOWN

Monterey Energy Project

As expected the energy crisis gets worse by the day. Those of you who have had the oil truck swing in and out of your driveway lately, don't need me to tell you about it. Those of you reading this in the city, might be interested in knowing that fuel oil has jumped to between $1.30 and $1.35 a gallon and is expected to move its way upward and onward to $2.00.

There are petitions everywhere in Berkshire County protesting increases in fuel adjustment charges for electricity, and both Massachusetts Electric and Western Massachusetts Electric are asking for rate increases.

After several weeks of discussion, Monterey Energy Project members have decided to set up a volunteer program to help townspeople cope with these costs. There are several parts to this program.

On Thursday, March 26th at 7:30 PM in the Church basement, Gibby Rudd of the Center for Ecological Technology and Berkshire Community Action Council will present a workshop on "Hands-On Weatherization." He will demonstrate ways we can all save on fuel and tighten our homes. Unlike the workshop before the energy contest, this time we'll have an opportunity to use caulking guns, learn about weatherstripping, etc. Gibby has already held this program in several Berkshire towns to rave reviews. You won't want to miss it!

On April 9th at 7:30, we'll be back in the basement with Bud Rodgers of Monterey and Carr Hardware, who will take us several steps further and begin our in-depth weatherization training program. Bud spent several years with the Homgas Corporation running a weatherization program. He will train teams of volunteers who will then be available to help Monterey residents insulate their homes, and to help the town further weatherize its town buildings.

At the same time, we are going to run another large cooperative purchase of weatherization materials. This time we are going to include insulation. Those of you who participated last time might remember that we averaged savings of close to 50%. We will distribute order forms in late March and all Monterey residents are welcome to participate.

Finally, we have talked for a while now about setting up a revolving loan fund for anyone unable to make the initial investment in insulation materials. As we meet more and more people involved in energy matters, the biggest problem people face is how to finance energy conservation. Many people just don't have the several hundred dollars to begin the work. It's hard enough to meet fuel bills, let alone pay for any more weatherization work. Well we would like to raise enough money to offer low-interest loans for energy conservation: the loans would be paid back on a monthly basis with the expected savings in fuel costs. We have investigated several sources of funding and come full circle back home to realize that if we are going to do anything constructive we will have to do it ourselves. President Reagan has announced cuts in energy conservation programs and declared his desire to eliminate the Solar Bank. The Monterey Energy Project will put $500 towards such a fund and we are looking for whatever financial help you might offer. This money will be loaned to Montereyans, come back, and go right back out again.

Well that's what we have in mind. There are workshops to attend. In April there will be trained people to help anyone who might want help with insulating. Hopefully there will be some money available for loans. And there's another chance to participate in the bulk-purchase of energy-saving materials. (Ellen Pearson has again volunteered to coordinate: 528-1988)

We have all been taught to take care of ourselves, to make it on our own. That proud feeling is a part of us, and I think it is an important feeling. I think the energy contest showed that we can contribute alone and together. In the 1980s the time has come for us to together insulate the barns our ancestors raised together.

If you would like to contribute to our work and to the loan fund, you can send checks to the Monterey Energy Project, Box 125, Monterey, Massachusetts 01245.

(more news on page 2)

Monterey Energy Slide Show

Milly Walsh and Peter Schulze are putting together a slide show of Monterey and its energy work. If you have any slides of last years Energy Day or the contest, and wouldn't mind letting us make copies we appreciate it if you could see Milly.

Monterey Requests the Removal of Seven Streetlights

On Monday, March 2, the Monterey Board of Selectmen drafted a letter to Massachusetts Electric asking that six town streetlights be turned off. Since then, one more light has been designated for removal, bringing the total up to seven. Copies of the letter were sent to Governor King, Joe Fitzpatrick of the State Energy Office, and George Darey, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in Lenox. Mr. Darey was quoted as having said at a streetlight meeting in Stockbridge on February 24th that Mass. Electric's newly relaxed policy on streetlight removal was "just not enough". The new policy allows towns to remove 10% of their lights at no charge. Towns are required to pay equipment amortization costs on any number of lights removed which exceeds the 10% limit.

Monterey has 23 streetlights at present. Under the utilitie's old policy of 1 % limitation a year the town could have turned out one light every five years at no cost. Under the newly established policy the town can turn out 2.3 lights every year. The Selectmen decided to request the removal of seven lights on the basis of rising costs of electricity plus fuel charges. According to Dick Tryon, Chairman of the Monterey Board, the Utility company reluctantly turned off eight or nine streetlights for Monterey about 5 years ago without mention of any charges. The Selectmen say they do not intend to pay amortization costs for the extra lights they have requested removed. There has been no word so far from Massachusetts Electric on the matter.

The lights in question are three along Route 57, one on New Marlborough Road, two on Route 23, and one on Beartown Road.

Frog Artists Needed

A couple of years ago a landmark known as "Frog Rock", familiar to anybody who ever drove along Beartown Road, was pre-emptorily removed by the road crew in the interests of safety, drainage and smooth snow plowing. In response to protests from the citizenry, a new rock was turned up and settled into place up near Lucy Smith's house in a position less threatening to life and efficiency but perhaps less imposing as well. Bernie Kleban, self-appointed caretaker of the former Frog, returned to his role with characteristic scrupulosity. The new Frog now huddles at the edge of Beartown Road, squat and verdurous, with red rocky lips and what Bernie calls an "engineer's eye." Bernie isn't happy with the eye. He is an engineer and, in his own words, can only make circles. The eye, half lid and half eyeball, has a slight air of malevolence. Bernie says it needs a more "froggy touch." Any artist in town who might be able further to amphibify the Frog is urged to call Bernie at 528-2583.

Monterey News Deadline

Items to be submitted for publication in the Monterey News should be in the hands of the Editor, Ellen Pearson (Box 264, Monterey) by the 8th of the month.

News About People

Arthur and Heidi Woods and their son Louis, formerly of Monterey, have moved to Switzerland from which new location they send both their greetings and their new address: Woods, Zurcherstr. 11, 8424 EMBRACH, Schweiz. They would love some news of home.

Gary and Laurie Shaw from Egremont have purchased the house on Main Road that has been renovated by the Monterey Fire Department. Mr. Shaw is associated with Kolbourne School in New Marlborough. The sale was negotiated by Nancy Kalodner of Hebert Realty.

Dick and Kathy Tillet have purchased the Lankeneau house on the corner of Beartown Rd. and Fairview Rd.

Community Supper

The March Community Dinner will be held on Wednesday March 25 at 6:30 PM in the Church Social Room. Bring a casserole, salad or dessert and also bring your own place setting and napkin.

In the consciousness of people generally there is a new thrust of thinking about community. Monterey has been doing quite a bit of thinking of its own about community. To think about community may take us in many different directions. But wherever men and women are thinking about community they are engaged in some form of reflection on the nature of human society and the way we share our lives with others.

Let me position myself as clearly as I can. I believe that in the years immediately ahead of us the nature of the communities we form and live in is going to be one of the most important of all human issues. We persons of earth are being forced to re-examine the assumptions by which we live. For some hundreds of years human cultures, particularly in the West, have focused attention on the individual - on his/her freedoms, capabilities, rights, potentialities. It is an emphasis that was necessary and right. In no sense am I saying, now let us de-emphasize the individual. Indeed, it is the very value that we have come to see in each individual that is thrusting us to a new exploration of community. Just as the Renaissance period had a primary thrust in setting in motion the forces that freed the individual from a rigid, frozen image of society, so now the heightened individual must begin to deepen his understanding of how powerfully we individuals are linked together for weal or woe. If we remain unconscious, unaware of how intrically each of our lives are joined with others we will do so at fearful cost. Now a time of convergence has come. In no wise are we to diminish the individual, but unless we gain a deepened perspective on the many levels in which we are bound together in community we shall surely see a serious violation of each person.

If we continue a mindless gulping up of our fertile lands with vast stretches of concrete and sprawling cities the space for individual freedoms will steadily diminish. Unless we plan together throughout the world to eliminate the mindless use of toxic chemicals - even to grow food - each individual person is going to be cut down more and more by the poison that is creeping steadily into our food supply. If we continue the mindless expenditure of larger amounts of our wealth for armaments and less to serve human need, does any person in his right mind assume that he will not be called on to suffer with the rest of humanity the awesome cost of such a decision?

It is time to think community. Any individual is insane in our kind of world if he imagines he can go on playing out his selfish whims regardless of how it affects the larger good. And if that "individual" happens to play out his whims through a large multi-national corporation so much the worse for us all. A lot of what is called individualism today will surely be seen tomorrow as a virulent form of madness. So many individual decisions are being played out today that tomorrow will bring our structures crumbling down on our combined heads. It might be more accurate to say that the individual decisions of yesterday are bringing the structures down on our heads today.

The unthinking, mindless uncaring ways we conduct our affairs, not asking how our actions will affect the whole is already exacting a heavy toll on our corporate human existence. How long do we imagine we can continue this style of life without seriously crippling and damaging all of life?

It is time to think community. It is time to <u>act</u> community. Any person who cares at all for his/her own life, must begin to read the danger signals that are going off all around us. How much longer do we think we can go on without making the number one priority in all our decisions, "How is this going to affect the whole?"

The style of clothes you choose to wear are no problem to me at all, but it is a problem to me if the company you buy stock in is mindlessly poisoning the soil on which pineapples grow in the Phillipines or bananas grow in South America. Both you and I will be eating those bananas and pineapples. Yes, and many, many more of our brothers and sisters will, too.

It is time to think community. It is time to act community. It is time to <u>see</u> the whole world as our community. Are we insane if we think that our individual whim of what we choose to do or choose not to do is simply a matter for our own individual reflection? The time for a major step forward is demanded of humanity.

Some years ago the British writer, Barbara Ward, wrote a book about <u>Spaceship Earth</u>. One thing you learn when traveling in a spaceship is that each person's cooperation to enhance the whole good is the prime requirement. We have been slow to catch on, but our earth is indeed a spaceship. We have been slow to catch on, but our earth is indeed a spaceship. We have been using our resources prodigally. We have imagined we could dump our wastes any old place, any old way. We have assumed that our energy supplies were unlimited. Suddenly our spaceship is beginning to falter. Toxic poisons are beginning to reach intolerable levels. We are having difficulty finding seats for everyone to ride comfortably. Hunger is beginning to gnaw at larger and larger numbers of the passengers. More and more red warning lights have come on - and some of them are blipping with urgency. What is the direction for spaceship earth?

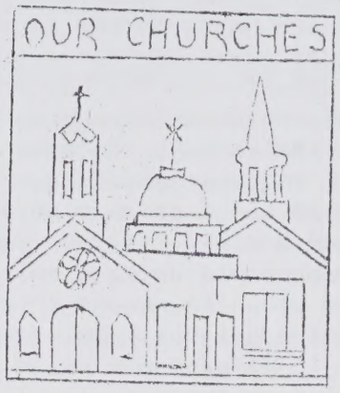
The only direction that makes sense toward fuller and deeper explorations of community. It is time to draw together all we have learned about community from our experience thus far. Building on things we already know it is time to develop a bold, daring, courageous spirit to believe that new levels of understanding and action are waiting to emerge. The last word about community has not been spoken. Do you

(continued on next page)

THE WORLD IS OUR COMMUNITY continued from page 3

dare to think, hope, pray that the future is still open to those who are willing to learn and respond to what this time is trying to teach us? If you are, then in God's name or for the sake of humanity, start to do something somewhere about community. It is already later than we think.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Chris



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield, Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 10:30 AM.
Immaculate Conception, Mill River, Sunday 10:00 AM.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and Regular Meetings — Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 A.M. for the Winter months in the Social Room. Childcare each Sunday at 10:30 AM. Meditation and prayer for the community, inviting all who wish to join us, each Thursday at 7:30 AM in the Social Room. Prayer Group each Thursday 7:45 PM at the home of Lucy Smith.

Lenten Study Breakfast — The remaining sessions of the Lenten Study Breakfasts on the theme "Journey Inward: Journey Outward" will continue as follows: March 17, Journey Outward: "Let Justice Roll Down." March 24, Journey Inward: "Meditation and Contemplation." The preceeding will be at the Raymond Ward home. March 31, Journey Outward: "A Voice from the Past Speaks to the Present" on Albert Schweitzer and the Hunger Project. April 7, Journey Inward: "Deepening Our Prayers". April 14, Journey Outward: "Gathering Those Who Care." The last three will be at the parsonage. These are all on Tuesday mornings beginning at 7:00 AM with a continental breakfast with the study session running from 7:15 to 8:00 AM. Any in the community are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

The Sundays of Lent — In the remaining Sundays of Lent the following subjects have been announced by the minister, the Rev. Dr. Virgil V. Brallier. March 22, "Water - Source of Life." Gospel, John 4:5-15, 19-26. March 29, "Light - and Overcoming Darkness." Gospel John 9:1-11. April 5, "Death - Passageway to Life." Gospel, John 11:1-4, 17, 34-44. April 12, "Having the Mind of Christ." Gospel, Matthew 21:1-11. Morning Worship is each Sunday at 10:30 AM.

Small Church Convocation — The Monterey Church expects to be well represented at the Small Church Convocation being sponsored by the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. The convocation is being held at Sunderland on Saturday, March 28. Dr. Brallier is leading one of the groups on "Concern and Caring in the Small Church."

Church World Service — The clothing collection for Church World Service is limited to most desperately needed items due to rising shipping costs. In order of priority these are: new baby clothes, children's knitted sweaters, hygiene kits, and like new lightweight, washable clothing. The kits consist of 1 face cloth, 1 bath towel, 1 comb, 1 bar of soap (in wrapper), 1 toothbrush and toothpaste. Collection boxes are in church social room and the General Store. The collection ends April 9.

CHURCH OF CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS holds a worship and healing service the third Sunday of every month in the barn at the Center of the Light in New Marlborough at 7:00 PM. Call 229-2396 for information or directions. The service is open to all.

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies — On March 5, the Brownies practiced their play for the Girl Scout Birthday celebration to be held the following week. The 3rd grade girls, Meghan Bradley, Natasha Grotz, Jennifer Brown, Nancy Phillips, Tammy Amstead, Jessica Thorn and Anne Marie Makuc all are in the play about the origin of the "Brownies". On March 11, all the troops in the Gt. Barrington area got together for the Girl Scout Birthday Party. Each troop put on some sort of entertainment. The girls had refreshments together and sang songs. It was a marvelous time for one and all.

Juniors — The Juniors also participated in the Girl Scout Party on March 11 in Gt. Barrington. They too supplied games and entertainment. They are planning a possible campout in the Spring and an Easter project.

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts — Cub Scout Pack 51 will have a covered Dish Supper and Pack Meeting Mar.27 at 6 PM at the Harold D. Rood Post 350 hall in New Marlboro.

(continued on pg 5)

Youth News continued - Cub Scouts

Both dens will visit the Pines Nursing Home, Gt. Barrington on March 13. Den 1 has made puzzles for the guests. Den 2 will perform a magic show.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group has a new leader. She is Ms. Ann Williams. Ms. Williams has been working with the group for several weeks in order to learn about the organization. The group is looking into several activities. They hope to go to New York in the Spring and they also would like to create a film.

A distinguished visitor from England has been here for the past ten days or so. Dr. Douglas Arnold is the Director of a home for adolescents in Exiter, in the Southwest part of the country. This is under the aegis of the Richmond Fellowship, which has twenty-eight branch houses for various groups in different sections of England and others in the United States. The overall head of the organization is Ellie Jansen, who has visited Gould Farm. Kent and Nancy Smith have been at the London Headquarters of this interesting work. At the moment Dr. Arnold is with Kent visiting at Farrington House.

Two new staff members have come recently. One is Nancy Chappell from Eastern Pa. She has worked for the Volunteer Services of the Church of the Brethern for the past five years and has served in Chicago and also in northern Ireland. She plans to stay here for about six months.

The other staff member is Rick Rynhart, originally from Morris, Conn. There he grew up on a 360 acre dairy farm, so he ways he feels at home here. He received an associate degree in music from Linden State College in Vermont and plays the banjo. Through Steve Tanguay, whom he knew at college and who is now head of the kitchen department here, Rick learned of the Farm. He plans to stay a good while.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE #291

The Monterey Grange met on Feb. 18 for a Home and Community night. The program included a pie baking contest by the Brothers. Julian Work won 1st prize, Ruboid Hardesty won 2nd prize, and Carl Jespersen won 3rd prize. There was a fund raiser to purchase a reader for the Gt. Barrington ambulance.

The Monterey Grange met on March 4 for Booster Night. Mike Martin, state membership director was guest speaker. Also present was Pamona Deputy Norman Wilcox and Subordinate Deputy Fred Terrill. There was a variety program of readings, skits, monologues, and a musical program by Beth and Carol Pellegrini and Tammy and Melanie Carr, members of the choir of Calvary Christian Chapel Assembly of God from Housatonic which was beautifully done. The next meeting will be on March 18. There will be a Conservation Program in charge of the committee.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

THE POOR SHOULD DESIGN THEIR OWN CLOTHES

There's a big blue ribbon Siamese cat
trapped in the storeroom of the dorm
with Nieman-Marcus and Garfinkel clothes
left by the girls when they went.

The Salvation Army will come.

The cat's well nourished, long faced,
plush furred. He's not shy:
his plangent voice goes on and on.
He's recoiled, possibly among scorpions,
on the shelf above the door.
Safety's off, panic's coming on.
His head hangs over the lintel
below his cocked elbows;
his long thighs are mounted
on their launching pads.

The poor, who hope to be saved,
might be foolish
to march thru that door
and claim those clothes.

Susan McAllester
7/71

A C K N O W L E D G E M E N T S

This month we gratefully acknowledge contributions to help in the publication of the Monterey News from: Mrs. Charles Gordon Bearce, Eleanor Brooks, M/M Claude Burke, Brian and Claudette Callahan, Juliet R. Cobian, Sue and Arnold Cohen, Bill and Susie Crofut, M/M Robert Ensign, Miss Amy Enoe, William K. Friedman, Celia Gottlieb, Dr. Alan G. Green, Erick K. Hein, M/M Alfred Materas Sr., M/M Gordon Nightingale, Richard and Jane Perin, Bud and Cathy Rodgers, Henry and Ann Rydberg, Alan Silverstein, Mary Elizabeth Shelton, M/M Larry Silk, Peggy and Steve Small, Richard Stauffer, Jr. M/M Arthur Wood, and Mrs. Grace Zerra.

S T A F F

Editor: Ellen Pearson
Managing Editor: Virgil V. Brallier
Art Editor: Edith Wilson
Youth Editor: Kevin Bradley
Circulation Manager: Debbie Reed
Consultant: Margery Mansfield Janes
Typist: Rose Anne Zerra
Mimeographing: Ann B. Williams

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

MONTEREY HOMEOWNERS

Protect your homes with twice a week checks of heating, plumbing, and security and plant watering.

References available
Pat Christie 528-9539

NEW ITEMS at the Monterey General Store/Good Food and Herbs Co.

In keeping with our policy of serving the community, we are continuously adding new items to the stock at the General Store. Some of the new items added in the past month include:

* Flashlight Batteries
* Fuses
* Tampons
* Trash Can Liners
* Sanka Coffee
* Postum
* Pineapple Juice
* Wooden Matches

Also, at the snack bar, we are now serving HOT SOUP, SANDWICHES, AND DESSERTS. We look forward to serving you.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
MONTEREY, MASSACHUSETTS
01245

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
Paid
Monterey, Mass.
Permit #2

Monterey Library
Monterey, Mass. 01245